

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, line 13, as follows:

Fig 3: A position of poly(A) addition in higher plant **(SEQ ID NOS 37 & 38)**.

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, line 14, as follows:

Fig 4: G- and T-rich sequence **(SEQ ID NO: 36)** in yeast gene *FRE1*.

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, line 16, as follows:

Fig. 6: Sequence of 30 primers **(SEQ ID NOS 5-34, respectively, in order of appearance)** used in the synthesis of *refre1*.

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, line 17, as follows:

Fig. 7: Relationship between *refre1* sequence **(SEQ ID NO: 1)** and primers **(SEQ ID NOS 5-34, respectively, in order of appearance)**.

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, line 19, as follows:

Fig. 9: Total sequence of designed *refre1* **(SEQ ID NOS 1 & 2)**.

Please amend the paragraph on page 24, lines 5-6, as follows:

Hybrid primer (dT¹⁷ adapter primer):

5'-GACTCGAGTCGACATCGATTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT-3' **(SEQ ID NO: 35)**

Please amend the paragraph on page 24, lines 18-21 as follows:

Primer specific to hybrid primer:

5'-GACTCGAGTCGACATCG-3' **(SEQ ID NO: 3)**

5' primer of FRE1:

5'-ACACTTATTAGCACTTCATGTATT-3' **(SEQ ID NO: 4)**